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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION AND DCM
MET WITH GOM OFFICIALS JANUARY 23 TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF US/UK TALKS WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT (PL):

JAN 28/29 MEMBERS OF PL DELEGATIONS ARRIVE
JAN 29 2100 US/UK DELEGATION ARRIVES
JAN 30 MORNING TALKS BEGIN
LUNCH OPEN
AFTERNOON TALKS RESUME
1900-2100 C CALLS (SEPARATELY) ON PM MINTOFF BY
DR. OWEN AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG
2130 DINNER FOR SENIOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS
HOSTED BY MALTESE PRESIDENT ANTON
BUTTIGIEG
JAN 31 MORNING TALKS RESUME
LUNCH OPEN
1500-1600 SIGHT-SEEING TOUR SPONSORED BY GOM
AFTERNOON TALKS RESUME
1900 RECEPTION FOR DELEGATIONS HOSTED BY

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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER
FEB 1 MORNING TALKS RESUME OR DELEGATIONS DEPART

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. SECURITY - WILL AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAVE US SECURITY
OFFICERS WITH HIM? AS DEPT AWARE WE HAVE NO

MARINE GUARDS NOR HAS FORMER ARMED FORCES OF MALTA GUARD UNIT YET BEEN REPLACED. THE GOM HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT THE CONFERENCE SITE AND AT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S LODGINGS (I.E. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE OR HOTEL). THE GOM ALSO PLANS TWO MOTORCYCLE ESCORTS IN FRONT OF AND A SECURITY CAR BEHIND THE VEHICLE OF EACH PRINCIPAL AT ALL TIMES. GOM HAS NO OBJECTION TO USG SECURITY OFFICERS ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR YOUNG.

B. SOCIAL SCHEDULE - THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER WILL INCLUDE AMBASSADOR YOUNG, ASST. SEC MOOSE, AMBASSADORS LOW AND LAINGEN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PREFERENCES FOR LUNCH ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY. AMBASSADOR WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST EITHER REPRESENTATIONAL OR WORKING LUNCHES AT RESIDENCE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW IF AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD CONSIDER MEETING WITH EMBASSY/USIS STAFF, MALTESE AND AMERICAN, FOR A FEW MINUTES AND WHETHER, IF TIME PERMITS, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK INFORMALLY BUT IN A PUBLIC FORUM ON US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, POSSIBLY AT UNIVERSITY OF MALTA, BEFORE A PRIMARILY STUDENT AUDIENCE. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED SUCH A MEETING WITH GOM BUT BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEMS WITH ONE IF AMBASSADOR YOUNG AGREES.

C. MINTOFF MEETING - WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING APPROPRIATE BRIEFING PAPER/TALKING POINTS FOR AMBASSADOR
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YOUNG'S MEETING WITH MINTOFF. IN ADDITION TO US-MALTESE BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THE EUROPEAN-MALTESE DIALOGUE ON MALTA POST MARCH, 1979, WE SUGGEST THAT CSCE ISSUES BE INCLUDED. PLEASE ADVISE IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO PREPARE ANY MATERIAL HERE.

D. SIGHT-SEEING - THE GOM SEEMS DETERMINED TO WORK IN SOME SIGHT-SEEING DURING THE CONFERENCE. DOES AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAVE ANY PREFERENCES, I.E., NEOLITHIC TEMPLES, GRAND HARBOR, CHURCHES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS FROM THE TIME OF THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA, ETC.?

E. PRESS GUIDANCE - DEPARTMENT VIEWS AND/OR INSTRUCTIONS ON PRESS RELATIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THE BRITISH WILL HAVE A PRESS OFFICER IN MALTA FOR THE CONFERENCE.

F. ACCOMMODATIONS - WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SOON WHERE US DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO STAY AND WHETHER AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND ASST. SEC MOOSE WILL BE STAYING AT RESIDENCE. LAINGEN

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